



First Responder Network Authority Weekly Update to the State and Territory Single Points of Contact (SPOCs) – November 2, 2015

FirstNet News

- This week, FirstNet will participate in the New York State Association of Chiefs of Police Board of Governors Meeting, USDA/Choctaw Nation Promise Zone Workshop, Texas A&M Winter Institute, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)/Tribal Assistance Coordination Group (TAC-G) Conference workshop, Wyoming Governors Fourth Annual Broadband Summit, National Security/Emergency Preparedness Executive Committee (NS/EP EXCOM) Executive Committee Meeting, and the initial consultation with the Department of Defense Public Safety Communications Working Group and Emergency Management Working Group.
- Several members of the FirstNet team attended the 2015 International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Annual Conference last week. FirstNet had 16 speaking engagements over the course of three days. The team also participated in many one-on-one meetings with state and local officials. The conference concluded with a speech by President Obama, who referenced the NPSBN as a key technology tool for the law enforcement community. Concurrent with the conference, FirstNet also participated in the Major Cities Chiefs and the Police Executive Research Forum events. A blog recapping IACP has been posted to the [FirstNet website](#).
- Also last week, FirstNet participated in the Oklahoma initial consultation meetings, the American Council for Technology/Industry Advisory Council Executive Leadership Conference, the annual Wisconsin Public Safety Communications (WIPSCOM) 911 Conference, the Military Communications (MILCOM) 2015 conference, the Intel Security FOCUS 2015 conference, and the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) Atlantic Regional Fall Training Conference.
- FirstNet recently met with FEMA to discuss the agency's participation and support of FirstNet's goals and objectives. The FirstNet Federal team also participated in a technical panel discussion and breakout sessions at the annual MILCOM conference, an international conference for military communications, to discuss FirstNet as it relates to broader public safety communications capabilities of Department of Defense first responders and surrounding communities.
- To date, FirstNet has held 55 initial state consultation meetings involving more than 3,800 public safety representatives. An updated schedule can be viewed on the [website tracker](#).

News from the PSAC, States, and Territories

- The National Governors Association (NGA) has asked FirstNet to provide a briefing update to all DC offices this Wednesday. The anticipated topics that will be covered include the FirstNet Board's latest decisions, the implications for opt-in/out, revenue generated from excess network capacity, and the letter sent by Mike Poth to all Governors. NGA has indicated that they are going to invite all state Homeland Security Advisors to attend the call. If you are interested in dialing in, please connect with your DC office.
- We continue to make data collection calls to discuss, clarify, and validate data submissions with individual states and territories. This activity has been intense as 29 validation calls have already been completed. The remaining calls are targeted for completion by November 6 to ensure timely inclusion in the reading room resource as part of the RFP.
- Washington OneNet released their new [After Oso video](#), featuring the Washington Adjutant General Bret Daugherty reflecting on the Oso landslide and speaking to the potential benefits of FirstNet.

Media Watch

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Traditional Media

Media coverage was heavy this week and covered a number of topics related to FirstNet. This includes the President's mention of the NPSBN in Chicago, the Oso landslide in Washington state, and key state activities, including consultation. The appointment of FirstNet Chair Sue Swenson to CEO at Novatel Wireless also generated stories.

TR Daily: Obama Lauds FirstNet

President Obama today lauded the nationwide public safety broadband network being overseen by the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet). In a Chicago speech to the International Association of Chiefs of Police, Mr. Obama stressed the need to ensure that police have "the resources you need to get the job done. As an example, he said that "we're setting aside radio spectrum for first responders so that, for the first time in history, America's police departments will share a single network."

Police Chief Magazine: A Look Back at a Remarkable Career

http://www.policechiefmagazine.org/magazine/index.cfm?fuseaction=display&issue_id=102015&category_ID=4

The years of hard work paid off. The Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Recovery Act of 2012 (also known as the Spectrum Act) was enacted and signed into law by U.S. President Obama on February 22, 2012. It directed the FCC to allocate the D-Block for a national public safety broadband network and established the First Responder Network Authority

(FirstNet) with up to \$7 billion to build out the network. Chief McEwen is excited by the potential benefits it will bring to public safety.

Radio Resource/Mission Critical: Washington OneNet Video Reflects on Oso Landslide, Benefits of FirstNet

<http://www.mccmag.com/News/NewsDetails/NewsID/13565>

“General Daugherty is uniquely qualified to reflect on the emergency management efforts at the Oso landslide,” said Bill Schrier, Washington State Point of Contact (SPOC) for FirstNet.

Urgent Communications: Swenson Named CEO of Novatel Wireless, Will Continue As FirstNet Chairwoman

<http://urgentcomm.com/machine-machine/swenson-named-ceo-novatel-wireless-will-continue-firstnet-chairwoman>

Novatel Wireless—an Internet of Things (IoT) solutions provider and the inventor of MiFi mobile-hotspot technology—announces that Sue Swenson is the company’s new CEO and will continue to chair its board of directors. Swenson plans to continue as chairwoman of FirstNet, the federal entity established to deploy and maintain the first nationwide broadband network for first responders

Web and Social Media

FirstNet was active on social media this week. Twitter gained about 40 new followers (weekly average is about 25-30) and now has 2,833; LinkedIn increased to 1,065 users; YouTube has 169 subscribers and Google+ remains at 56 users.

This week, we posted three new blog entries. Features included: [2015 IACP Conference Highlights Ways FirstNet, Technology Can Drive Innovation for Policing](#), a tribute to Chief Harlan McEwan: [A Look Back at a Remarkable Career](#) (reposted from Police Chief Magazine), and a recap of the Idaho initial state consultation meeting earlier this year. All blog posts can also be accessed through the FirstNet blog landing page at: www.firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog.